



That's all she wrote..

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Mosquito Power

Mosquitoes, small as they are, wield a pretty big power! One of them can drive us inside on a beautiful summer evening, digging in the cupboard for a can of Off. The buzzing of one small mosquito in the tent can be the difference between drifting peacefully off to sleep or tension mounting and blood pumping as we try to swat the little intruder.

Just one small thing can make a huge difference.

After Maia was confirmed, we left worship to take my parents to lunch. The restaurant she'd chosen was closed. So we talked and used the phone book to call another. Also closed. Finally, we settled on a Mexican restaurant close to home. Tired, hungry, a little annoyed, the once golden day was going south in a hurry. Then, when we went to pay the check, our server told us someone else had already paid, to celebrate Maia's confirmation. We couldn't find who it was, but that act of kindness turned a gray, rainy, frustrating afternoon into a holy day, full of God's provision.

Friday, we went to a Silverhawks game. Our seats behind home plate were perfect for viewing the game. Not so perfect, though, for a little boy who wanted to high-five the mascot, snag a t-shirt hurled into the crowd, catch a ball, or be chosen for an activity. Suddenly, a foul ball landed on the roof behind us. James watched as the ball bounced down into our section, right into the bare hand of a middle-aged man. "Did he catch it in his bare hand?" James couldn't take his eyes off the man, who promptly stood up and tossed the ball to my delighted son. That one act of generosity turned an ordinary game into a holiday.

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This is not exactly practicing random acts of kindness. Mosquitoes buzz around looking for opportunities. They are pretty purposeful. What if we were so focused on doing small things to bring joy?

I know most of us don't think we have much power. We can't solve the world's problems, but we can give someone our place in line, a smile, a note of encouragement. We can plant a flower and give a compliment. We can watch,

like the mosquito, for the opportunity to zoom in on someone and surprise them with love, with kindness, with a compliment, with joy. Suddenly, God appears a lot closer, to both the giver and the receiver.

You never know when you might turn things around, using your mosquito power. And didn't Jesus say, to some rather sheepish people, "Whatever you did for the least of these... you did for me?" (Matthew 25: 40)



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